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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

The Applicant's agent, Meghan Van Leeuwen, had a telephone interview with the Examiner, Sean Vincent, on December 8, 2004.

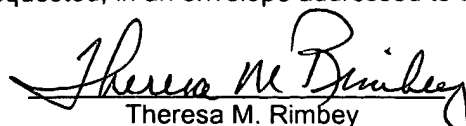
There were no exhibits shown or demonstrations exhibited during the telephonic interview.

All of the pending claims were discussed in the interview. Kokai and Cortright, prior art of record, were discussed during the interview.

The Applicant's agent stated that she had not yet filed an Information Disclosure Statement, but was planning on doing so on that date (December 8, 2004). The Examiner stated that he already copied all of the Information Disclosure Statements from the parent case (Serial Number 10/214,904, which Examiner Vincent also examined) and would mark them as reviewed in this case. The Examiner stated that he would like to put them on a PTO-892, and state in writing that he transferred the Information Disclosure Statements from the parent case to the

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child. He stated that (assuming there was no additional art), it was then unnecessary for the Applicant to file an Information Disclosure Statement for this case.

The Examiner and the Applicant's agent also discussed the allowability of claims 1-32, with minor amendments to claims 1 and 18, as well as the allowability of claims 33-46 and 101-113.

More specifically, during the telephone interview, the Examiner stated that he could make an Examiner's amendment to claims 1 and 18, which would make them allowable. The Examiner proposed the language "including one or more V-shaped or curved extensions" after "at least one downward extension". The Applicant's agent agreed to this amendment.

The Examiner stated that claims 47-74 were not patentable over Japanese reference 2001-80922 (Kokai). The Applicant's agent argued that the thermocouples in Kokai were not immersed in the glass stream, as claimed in claims 47-74 of the present application. The Examiner and the Applicant's agent did not come to a consensus about the allowability of these claims.

The Examiner stated that claims 75-78 were not patentable over Cortright. The Applicant's agent argued that the system in Cortright was static, while claims 75-78 are periodically adjusting. The Examiner and the Applicant's agent did not come to a consensus about the allowability of these claims.

The Examiner also stated that claim 79-98 were obvious over claim 55 of Serial Number 10/214,904, and that there were double patenting issues with respect to these claims. The Examiner stated that the double patenting rejection could be overcome by a terminal disclaimer. The Examiner and the Applicant's agent did not come to a consensus about the allowability of these claims.

The Examiner also stated that claims 99-100 were not patentable over Cortright. The Applicant's agent did not comment on the patentability of these claims over Cortright. The Examiner and the Applicant's agent did not come to a consensus about the allowability of these claims.

The Examiner offered to allow claims 1-46 and 101-113, make an Examiner's amendment to claims 1 and 18, as discussed above, and cancel the remaining claims, without prejudice for the Applicant to file the remaining claims in one or more divisional applications.

The Applicant's agent agreed to the amendments of claims 1 and 18, and to the cancellation of claims 47-100.

The Examiner then stated that he would make an Examiner's amendment to that effect, and issue a notice of allowance.

Applicant believes that this statement satisfies the requirements to file a Statement of the Substance of the Interview, and accurately represents the substance of the interview conducted. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' agent would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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